

REMARKS

Claims 1-114 are pending in the present application. Applicants have canceled claims 1-15, 20, 39-48, 92-107 and 111 without prejudice and amended claims 25, 26, 28, 36-38, 49, 60, 76, 108, 112 and 113. The amendments to claims 28, 36-38, 49, 60, 76, 112 and 113 involve changing claim dependency and correct informalities and do not raise any issue of new matter. The amendment to claim 16 can be found, *inter alia*, in the original claim 15. The amendment to claim 19 can be found, *inter alia*, in the original claim 18. The amendment to claim 25 can be found, *inter alia*, in the original claim 24. The amendment to claim 26 can be found, *inter alia*, in the original claim 104. The amendment to claim 108 can be found, *inter alia*, in the original claim 16. Applicants respectfully submit that the present Preliminary Amendment is fully supported by the original specification and does not raise any issue of new matter. Therefore, entry of the present Preliminary Amendment is respectfully requested. Upon entry of the present Preliminary Amendment, claims 16-19, 21-38, 49-91, 108-114 will be under examination.

CONCLUSION

In view of the claim amendments and the remarks, early and favorable consideration of all pending claims are respectfully requested.

It is believed that no fee is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of the present Preliminary Amendment. However, if any fees are required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any such fees to our Deposit Account No. 16-1445.

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